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TOPIC Occupation of the Military Installations of the Third Shock Army Posts  
and Military Activity in the Area south of Potsdam 25X1

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1. During the nights between 6 and 9 October 1954, the units from the Parchim post and tanks returned to their installations. Vehicles which came from the direction of the railroad station and proceeded toward the Alte Kaserne (5321),                      Several JS tanks including No 424 were seen in the yard of the Alte Kaserne. On 8 October, the installation was heavily occupied and approximately 85 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lit. 1
2. On 12 October, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5342) in Perleberg was occupied to capacity. Soldiers observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery or tank insignia. Approximately 20 trucks and 8 T-34 tanks                      were seen in front of a former hangar. More tanks were seen through the open doors of the hangar. Soldiers practiced with 6 x 122-mm field howitzers in the northwest section of the installation. Motor vehicles                      were seen. 2
3. On 21 October, the Panzer Kaserne (5061) in Burg was about two-thirds occupied by approximately 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. Motor vehicles were serviced in the installation. Motor vehicles                      entered and left the installation.
4. On 21 October, the Artillery Kaserne (5062) in Burg was occupied about 50 percent by approximately 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles were serviced. Other soldiers engaged in formation drill. Motor vehicles                      were seen en route to and from the installation. 3 4

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5. At 1530 on 19 October, a column of approximately 10 x 76.2-mm artillery pieces, 12 x 120mm mortars, 30 trucks including some occupied by soldiers and 2 field kitchens came from the direction of Potodan and proceeded toward Michendorf. Motor vehicle Nos [redacted] were seen. 5

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1. Comment. Prior to 10 October, the units of the 18th Mech Div returned to their posts from the maneuver of the Third Shock Army and the Wittstock training grounds. [redacted] The present information indicates that the 33d Tank Regt returned to its previous quarters in the Alte Kaserne in Parchim. The regiment is equipped only with T-34 tanks and heavy SP guns and not with JS tanks. The 60th Mech Regt of the division presumably returned to the Neue Kaserne (5322) in Parchim where it was also stationed prior to the summer training period.

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2. Comment. Another report indicated that the units of the 18th Mech Div returned to their previous quarters in Perleberg prior to 9 October. [redacted] The tanks may have belonged to the 120th Mtrcl Bn. It is undetermined whether the field howitzers belong to the 1054th How Arty Regt or the 592d Mort Regt. It is possible that a medium mortar battalion of the latter unit was replaced by a field howitzer battalion as was observed with several mortar regiments in the zone. [redacted]

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3. Comment. [redacted] observations at the posts, the bulk of the 136th Gds HV Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army was again stationed in the Panzer Kaserne and the bulk of the 304th Arty Brig and the U/i AAA Regt of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps in the Artillerie Kaserne after 7/8 October. See [redacted] According to the present information, not all components of the last two units were present at the Artillerie [redacted]

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5. Comment. According to the motor vehicle [redacted] the artillery units belonged to the 1st Mech Div and presumably transferred to the Jueterbog training grounds for firing practices.

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